



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Greetings Brothers,

Here we are after a summer break, I hope you all had some time with your families to enjoy.

As you are all aware that Pope Francis will be attending the "Cop 26" Climate gathering in Glasgow in November, the Order along with others that we have been working with over the past few months will also be active and participate in this great event, please watch out for details by Supreme Directors.

I also attach details for March for Life 4th September, CAFOD details etc.

Council Meetings

Now that Councils are reopening again please take care. We must continue to be vigilant on COVID as there are different "strains" around. Councils and Provincial Councils will now begin meeting again, this is something that we all have been looking forward to for a considerable length of time.

Indeed, the Order will host Supreme Council 2021 in Liverpool in October. This we have been planning for over 18 months. This is where Supreme Councillors meet (Yearly) to address the business of the Order nationally.

We have not met since October 2019—the Order's Centenary—this was due to the pandemic. Here also we will elect a new Supreme Knight and Supreme Directors.

After 4 years as your Supreme Knight I am stepping down, to take on the position of IPSK. This allows the current IPSK-Bro Charlie McCluskey to step off the Board. I am sure he is looking forward to a well deserved rest. Indeed, our sincerest Thanks to him on all he has achieved for the Order and all the support he has given to myself over those years.

I step down as Supreme Knight having the great pleasure of serving as the Order's CEO over 4 years. Especially during the Centenary of the Order in 2019, when I visited all of Provinces of the Order and approx. 95% of Councils I have met at social events. As I stated then I have been "Over and back, up and down" the country in that year, how enjoyable it all was meeting you all, meeting the Family of the Knights.

I had time to conclude many matters that were outstanding in 2020 but now I can hand over to my successor a outstanding Order hopefully more vibrant, more in Faith and Fraternity.

Pauline and I look forward to remembering and treasuring those Knights and all their families. But most of all to pray with those chaplains that support us in all the parishes across the country, we hear so little of them, yet they work behind the scenes for us at Mass, at all our Church events and still find time to attend our meetings.

We have such happy memories. Thank you all.

Bertie

MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brothers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and are enjoying a lovely summer with your families.

As promised in July, I will try and use our core values to relate to membership.

FAITH - We as Catholic gentlemen share a unique bond. We have put ourselves in the public spotlight by joining the Knights of St Columba. Why did *you* join in the first place? What captured my own heart was the power of our prayer we say at the end of each meeting. There is something very special when men pray together and to know nearly 3,000 other men across the county are doing the same thing, week in week out for us all is powerful. Let's remember that when we hear 'what are the Knights *actually* doing for us'? I would say prayer is enough to answer that question.

FAMILY – We often here from our brethren 'I am too busy to attend meetings', 'I have family commitments' and 'I'm just too busy'. Of course, family comes first. As a father of 3 children all under 14, I understand fully! What I have been doing however, is bringing my children along to our public events. What better example to our children/grandchildren than seeing their Dad or Granddad, after a hard day's work, putting on their finery and working for their Parishes and communities. Our children will learn from our example. I work in the construction industry and believe me, after a long day on building sites, the last thing I want is to get ready and go out again or sit and write emails/bulletins for a few hours! I do it, however, because we all have a duty to our Brothers to work together and do God's work across our country.

FRATERNITY – Something I am asked many times is 'why do you love going away with the Knights so much?' Fraternity, that is why! Living in Jersey, with only one Council, we are limited in our interaction with other Knights. It took my breath away when I went on my first overseas trip to another Council, CL396 in Glasgow. The hospitality and that sense of belonging was indescribable. The Knights of St Columba captured my heart, mind and soul from that moment, and I was hooked! Can you visit other areas of your Province or visit another area completely to exchange ideas and share in each other's company? Forge bonds – unbreakable bonds – with your Brothers across the country. The bond I share with my Brother Directors is one I will cherish forever. When we do eventually come off the BOD and return to our Provinces, the time we have spent together cannot be taken away from us and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have served with such faithful and wonderful men. Long may it continue!

Please do let me know any thoughts – membership@ksc.org.uk

Fraternal wishes, **Danny Ó hEarchaí**

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

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Brothers, hope you have all had a decent summer break? I can see that some Brothers managed to get away in the UK and a few abroad. Hope you managed to get away, and are back refreshed. The Virtual Zoom Youth Seminar 2021 had to be cancelled because only 2 applications were received from an A'Level Student and the Other a GCSE student. At the point of cancellation, an enquiry was received from a Welsh Mother for 2 Young People. Can I say this with all humility, but in my humble opinion. None of our Seminars should be cancelled, no never. Why? Because it requires each one of us to communicate with Parents of Young People. It requires a quick word at mass or with our contacts. Myself and the committee will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Are there any feedback from your Brothers, Schools, Parish Groups and other organisations? What feedback have you had Brothers? Please give any feedback from your area of the Country by email to : headoffice@ksc.org.uk and youth@ksc.org.uk

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

Visit this page as and when you can. Hopefully you will find Youth centric items that you can share to your Schools, Parish, Province or Council Facebook pages or emails.. Please post your own interesting items onto the page as well. Let others see your success by informing me throughout the year as they happen and by posting them.

Reminders

Virtual Zoom Youth and Young People Officers Workshop/Training day.

Saturday 18th September 2021

Opportunity to talk about all things Youth and Young People.

Ideas about doing the Youth Role at Provincial and Council Level.

The Orders Own Competitions and its Promotion.

Go through all the different promotional ideas sent out and the benefits to the Young People and membership recruitment.

Our Partner Organisations events and Competitions.

Talk about the Columba Trophy organised by Brother Adrian de Redman in Province 18 Birmingham. Fantastic event and fantastic occasion.

Promotion of the Facebook page and posts by Brothers to showcase their successes.

Explain about the Zoom Youth Seminar and the Residential Seminar Programme.

Committee Members are looking at Sports Youth events that can be showcased.

Zoom details will be forwarded to WPGK's, Prov.Youth Officers, WGK's Council Youth Officers by 1st September 2021.

Can I implore our WPGK's and WGK's to ensure that they personally communicate this to their Prov.Officers and Council Youth Officers. The relevant Officers and their Committee Brothers and any Brother should attend and Join this event.

COP26 Youth and Young People

An exciting idea for COP26 participation of our Young People should be coming out to you in Scotland and Wales and England. It's different and will require you to move quickly involving your Schools, Parishes, Youth Clubs and our Individual Young People. We are trying to get our Young People involved in COP26 with creative ideas. A document will be coming out to you centrally.

Maddona Oakes Trophy - Application

Councils and Provinces are invited and encouraged to submit bids for consideration of the Maddona Oakes Trophy. This award will be in recognition of the Province or Council which shows a high level of work in support of Youth and Young People. Submissions should arrive at Head office by 17th September 2021. The trophy will be awarded at the meeting of Supreme Council 2021

FYI - I have seen one Submission copied to me via email when it was sent to Head Office.

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2021/2022 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

The Competitions Posters, Rules/Details sheets were initially sent to you July 2021. Expect them again with the Head Office Bulletin-Sept 2021. My advice is **send them** in to your Schools, Parishes, Colleges the Poster/Rules Sheets on the resumption of the School year. Scotland schools resumed August/Wales and England week 6th September 2021. Speak to your contacts at School, Parish Catechist etc. Speak to Parents and make them aware at Mass

Note: As with all the Supreme Directors Report in this Head Office Bulletin. Can I respectfully remind each Provincial and Council Officer that they are required to include a precis/summary of the HO Bulletin in their written Provincial and Council reports, in order to bring it to the attention of the Brothers when emailed in the Provincial and Council Newsletter and Minutes. At the very least he should read it out in the Council meeting.

My comments for September 2021 follows: The Youth Young People Competition cycle for 2021/2022 is already with you and about to be re-sent again. Without the proactivity of WPGK's, Prov.Youth, WGK's, Council Youth Officers and Council Brothers who tirelessly work on our Youth Programmes, we will not get anywhere. All the Promotion that we put together would not work without our personal act of engagement with people. Everything to do with Youth requires our personal engagement, so please Brothers let us ring, email and talk to our contacts and parents. Let us know of any help you need regarding promotion into your Schools, Parishes, and Church Groups? Let us know of any ideas that you have that will make all our work better please? I want to thank you all on behalf of the Youth and Young People Committee and myself.

Things to come.

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar-Officers and Council Brothers.

Youth Seminar dates

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well.

Faternally, Michael Akinrele-Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

ACTION & SOCIAL

Apostolates Bulletin September 2021

Brothers it has been along time coming but now we are able to get on with our work face to face. In the month of September and October we will be using our zoom media as well as joining with others in a practical way.

On September the 4th we are joining the March for life in London, probably by the time you receive this it will have passed.

In November this year the cop 26 conference will be taking place in Glasgow.

In preparation for this we are doing two zoom seminars for approximately 1 hr on Monday 13th September the theme will be "Abortion the Myth" led by Emmet Dooley from S.P.U.C.

Monday September 20th Mrs Sarah O'hearai has kindly agreed to talk to us on Laudate Si and Climate change. Zoom codes will be issued nearer the time brothers can I ask you to support these initiatives.



Rosary will be said on the four Mondays of October at 7pm led by the following Provinces:

Monday 4th October Prov 11

Monday 11th October Prov 6

Monday 18th October Prov 4

Monday 25th October Prov 9

The Apostolate committee on behalf of the Supreme Knight are organising a National Act of Consecration to St. Joseph.

Fr. Mathew Carlin from St. Francis of Assisi in Glasgow has agreed to lead us in the consecration,

It will be run over a period of 6 weeks on a Wednesday night starting on Wednesday 20th of October and running to Wednesday 8th December. We will be starting the first week with mass at 7pm from Glasgow then continuing with the consecration prayers and it will be live streamed on Facebook along with our Zoom connections. Then every Wednesday until 8th Dec when the consecration will be concluded by Fr. Mathew and he will be saying mass every week before the consecration, and we will be joining him on zoom.

Brothers please if you can join us on this journey of consecration.

Please don't forget our national Action Project we have had a good response so far considering the conditions we have had to endure; it will run for another year until October 2022 because of the pandemic. To help raise funds they have registered with Amazon and when you purchase anything if you go to their charity page then a donation will be made. smile.amazon.co.uk

We had a limited number of Brothers who could make the National Golf competition in August. History was made when we had a hole in one. Well done brothers.

Stay Safe

Fraternally

Harry Welsh Director for Action and Social

OBITUARIES

SW3 Obituary forms received at Head Office in August 2021

Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death
984	30	David Dennis	30/06/2021	162/402	20	Fr Michael Fewell	05/07/2021
162/402	20	Fr Ray O'Shea	08/02/2021	418	12	Deacon John Newman	07/08/2021
411	14	Russell White	15/07/2021	472	12	Robert Gray	19/07/2021
64	2	Martin Culkin	29/07/2021	323	7	Tom Corkie	03/08/2021
127	18	Stephen Foulger	03/08/2021	333	9	Matthew Bark	18/08/2021

Eternal Rest Give Unto Them O Lord,
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
May They Rest In Peace,
Amen

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

Council Meetings: As more Councils open their meeting can I ask all Councils to remember their Brothers safety, with the Delta variant of COVID 19 running at a high level, our meeting rooms should be sanitised prior to the meeting, Brothers should be asked to sanitized their hands before entering, and social distancing should be observed as far as possible, the sign of peace should not be done, hands sanitized when leaving the meeting and the room sanitised when the Brothers leave.

Let us protect each other, let us have good productive meetings and keep our Brothers as safe as we can.

Thank you: My grateful thanks to all Brothers who have served their fellow Catholics and our Church by answering the call for stewarding and cleaning at our Churches since they opened for some in June 2020, without stewards our Churches would not have been able to open die Private prayer and Mass would not, well done Brothers you have been truly Serving God by Serving Others, Bless you.

My thanks go to the Brothers of Middlesbrough Council for continuing to run the **Dial-A-Mass** for those who are housebound and do not have internet, they can phone - The number to call is – 01642 130 120, at the cost of a local call, they have been bringing God to those who otherwise would have been deprived of hearing Mass.

COP 26: With global warming and what we can do about it high on the agenda attended by, the Holy Father and other World leaders, I invite you to join us for the 40 hours of prayer, we do not expect any Brother to partake for the full 40 hours but please do join us for what you can. Further details will be published in future bulletins.

Supreme Council 2021: will take place over the first weekend in October, I ask for your prayers for all the delegates and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them, that they act for the good of the Order and for the Brothers of the Order.

Continue to fight Continue to pray: I recently read an article the told about a baby born at 22 week gestation, just over half the normal term of 40 weeks, the baby has not only survived the birth but from what I read is doing well, the law for abortion stands currently at 24 weeks with the fight continuing to allow abortion up till the time of birth with a baby with disabilities such as Downs. Please continue to Pray Brothers for those who make the law that the Good Lord may soften their hearts and minds to the sanctity of human life without discrimination.

A friend's daughter who has Downs Syndrome once said to me that Her parents are special I thought that was lovely, until she went on to say "God Made me special so he had to find special people to look after me so he gave me to them".

Sean Mulligan

MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

Columba Magazine

Columba Magazine is suffering because Councils and Provinces are not submitting articles for publication. A consequence of this is that Councils and Provinces are not receiving the deserved publicity that their magnificent acts of raising money for charity and work for the Church are not known outside their own small circles. Brothers receiving Meritorious Medal awards, Silver and Golden Jubilee Medals do not see themselves properly displayed in the Magazine and as such their families miss out on seeing their Father / Grandfather being honoured.

Columba is an in-house magazine. The Members of our Order should be informed of the work that their Brothers are carrying out day after day and this should spur them on to redouble their own efforts. Facebook has a role to play, but not everyone has access to Facebook. Columba, on the other hand, is delivered to the home of every Brother in the Order and indeed is read by many others who are not in our ranks. It is a promotion tool. So, let's us it to our advantage Brothers!

The next Edition of Columba Magazine will not be released until after Supreme Council 2021 in October. This means that Councils / Provinces / Brothers have an opportunity to get their articles into us. These should be with us no later than **24th September 2021.**

eColumba

Have you sent this eColumba to all Brothers in your Council? Did you know that every Brother is entitled to a copy of eColumba? If you are not printing / emailing eColumba to all Brothers in your Council then you are letting them down.

eColumba will be produced for October so this a last opportunity to get all your future plans to us to promote what you may have coming up. As such we have created a new email address for your submissions which is eColumba@ksc.org.uk. **Please can you use this email address for submissions from now on.** Please do let us know. Final date for submissions for this edition is **17th of September 2021.**

Sincerely & Fraternally

Sean Smith, Supreme Director Communications & Media